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REFS: (A) ISA 4539 (B) AMMAN 0717

- 1. IT APPEARS THAT REF CABLES CROSSED IN TRANSMISSION. WE BELIEVE WE CAN LIVE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF REF A) PROVIDING A REVIEW IS MADE OF REF (B) TO INSURE THAT TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH ITS PROVISIONS.
- 2. JORDANIANS HAVE WAITED OVER ONE YEAR FROM TEAM'S ARRIVAL, AND IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE HELPFUL AT THIS TIME TO HAVE TEAM ARRIVE WHICH BY ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US/GOJ RELATIONS. JORDANIANS WILL RECOGNIZE THAT TEAM WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS BUT WILL EXPECT A GREATER DEGREE OF OPENNESS THAN REF (A) IMPLIES TO MEET MINIMUM NEEDS SET OUT IN REF (B). TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT USG HAS MAJOR DECISIONS TO MAKE ON THIS ISSUE, GOJ ALSO MUST DECIDE HOW IT WILL MAKE MAJOR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES OVER THE NEZT FIVE TO TEN YEARS. INDEED SUCH DECISION WILL SHAPE THEIR SECRET

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AND HENCE DEFINE THE SCOPE OF OUR OWN DECISON. THEY ARE NOT TAKING THESE DECISIONS LIGHTLY, AND IT IS IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS THAT THEY BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF MAXIMUM AVAILABILITY INFO AND WELL THOUGHT OUT OPTIONS.

- 3. CONTRARY TO IMPLICATIONS REF (A), NO FIRM JORDANIAN DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO NUMBERS OR TYPES OF AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT DESIRED AND THEY WANT TEAMS'S TO PROVIDE INFO THAT WILL INFLUENCE THESE DECISION. PRIOR LISTINGS HAVE BEEN ILLUSTRATIVE AT BEST AND SHOULD NOT NOW BE CONSIDERED AS FIRM.
- 4. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF RESOLUTION OF ABOVE PRIOR TO TEAM'S ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY. PICKERING

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